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SUBJ: GOM DELEGATION TO 30TH UNGA

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1. GOM FONMIN SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING MALAYSIAN DELEGATION TO 30TH UNGA: DELEGATION LEADER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN (ADDRESSED AS RITHAUDDEEN); AS TENGKU DEPUTY LEADER, UN PERMREP AND AMBASSADOR TO U.S. KHIR JOHARI (ADDRESSED AS AMBASSADOR KHIR); DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR HASSAN ADLI (ENCIK HASSAN); MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM NEGRI SEMBILAN LEE BOON TENG (MR. LEE); MP FROM PENANG STATE ARRIFIN DAUD (ENCIK ARIFFIN); MP FROM SARAWAK RACHA UMONG (MR. UMONG); MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO BURMA KASSIM HUSSEIN (AMBASSADOR KASSIM); AND FONMIN ASSISTANT SECRETARY HAMIDON ALI (ENCIK HAMIDON). THEY WILL BE JOINED BY MEMBERS OF MALAYSIAN STAFF IN NEW YORK: GOM DEPUTY PERMREP AJIT SINGH (MR. AJIT); SECOND SECRETARY TING WEN LIAN (MISS TING); SECOND SECRETARY AZZAT KAMARUDDIN (ENCIK AZZAT); AND THIRD SECRETARY SHAPLI ABU SAMAH (ENCIK SHAPLI).

2. FORTY-FOUR YEAR OLD TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN (TENGKU MEANS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRINCE, RITHAUDDEEN IS A MEMBER OF THE KELANTAN ROYAL

FAMILY) ONLY ASSUMED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PORTFOLIO IN AUG 1975; THE POST HAD HITHERTO ALWAYS BEEN HELD BY THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER. HE IS, HOWEVER, AN EXPERIENCED FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAND HAVING ASSISTED THE PRIME MINISTER IN HIS PREVIOUS CAPACITY AS MINISTER WITH SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE HAS REPRESENTED MALAYSIA IN A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS DEALING ESPECIALLY WITH NON-ALIGNED AND ISLAMIC AFFAIRS. MOST RECENTLY HE ATTENDED THE NON-ALIGNED MEET IN LIMA. HE WILL TRAVELING WITH HIS WIFE, AN AVID ANTIQUE BUFF, AND MFA SOURCES WERE UNABLE TO GIVE US AN ARRIVAL DATE IN NEW YORK (THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN LONDON). BOTH THE TENGKU AND HIS WIFE ARE CONGENIAL AND APPROACHABLE.

3. THE FORTY-SIX YEAR OLD DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR, HASSAN ADLI, IS DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF A JUNIOR PARTNER IN THE RULING NATIONAL FRONT COALITION, A FUNDAMENTALIST ISLAMIC PARTY KNOWN AS THE IYC-MALAYAN ISLAMIC PARTY. HE WEARS HIS ISLAMIC CREDENTIALS ON HIS SLEEVE, AND WAS PRINCIPAL OF AN ARAB-LANGUAGE SCHOOL PRIOR TO HIS ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT IN AUG 1974.

4. THE THREE MP'S ON THE DELEGATION ARE ALL RELATIVELY JUNIOR BACKBENCHERS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AUG 1974. RACHA UMONG IS SARAWAK MP FOR LIMBANG-LAWAS, WHICH INCLUDES LIMBANG DISTRICT CLAIMED BY BRUNEI. (SEE KL 4275 AND SUBSEQUENT REPORTS ON BRUNEI.)

5. KASSIM HUSSEIN IS ONE OF MALAYSIA'S MOST SENIOR CAREER DIPLOMATS HE HAS SERVED IN JAKARTA, MANILA, CAIRO, ADDIS ABABA, WASH, AND TOKYO PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO RANGOON.

6. HAMIDON ALI IS A RELATIVELY JUNIOR OFFICER WORKING ON EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS.

7. MAKEUP OF DELEGATION SEEMS TO LEAN TOWARD ISLAMIC, NON-ALIGNED CONNECTION. USUN IS LIKELY TO FIND MEMBERS OF GOM PERMANENT DELEGATION ITS MOST USEFUL CONTACTS.
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